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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] the Schuetzen Kaserne on
Bernauerheerstrasse, Oberswalde (W 53/V 08) [redacted]
was occupied to capacity between 6 and 9 November 1950. About
2,000 troops, with two flags and a military band, assembled for
a ceremony at the drill ground along Trampferchaussee on 7 November.
A similar ceremony seemed to have taken place at another drill
ground in the same billeting area a short time before. Martial
music and cheers by about 1,000 men were heard from this drill
ground which was blocked to view. On 8 November, 12 officers who
wore red-bordered black epaulets, and 400 EM, led by a major and a
military band marched out of the Schuetzen Kaserne toward the city.

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2. [redacted] the ceremony at the Schuetzen Kaserne on 7 November,
martial music and cheers were heard also from the Artillerie Kaserne
on Freienwalderstrasse. On 8 November, five officers wearing red-bordered
red epaulets and 120 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched out
of the western section of the Artillerie Kaserne toward the city.

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3. Between 4 and 11 November, the cantonment on Freidscheitstrasse was still vacant. The sentry box at the entrance was occupied by a soldier who wore black epaulets. (3)
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4. A total of 6 officers and 18 EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets were seen at three adjacent civilian houses on Kupferhammerweg. [redacted] the soldiers [redacted] belong to a supply unit. Motor vehicles [redacted] were parked in the yard at the houses. (4)
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5. On 11 November it was observed that semi-underground log structures were constructed at the AA gun emplacement in forest district (Jagen) No 243 of the Finow-Thal Forest. The log structures were apparently to serve as winter quarters for the gun crews. Two log structures had been completed and a third was being worked on. Six 37-mm AA guns were emplaced there. It could not be determined whether two other emplacements were occupied. Two T-shaped poles, 4 meters high, had been erected at the AA gun emplacement, from where a telephone line led to the fuel depot of the Schering AG.
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6. Three semi-underground log structures were constructed 500 to 700 meters west-southwest of the Eberswalde freight station. There were four prepared emplacements in which no AA guns were seen, however. Three T-shaped poles, 2 meters high, were attached to trees about 100 meters south of the emplacements.
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7. On 4 November, the restaurant at the autobahn west of Finowfurth was occupied by an estimated 30 soldiers, including officers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 10 trucks [redacted] were parked there. (5)

Comments

- (1) [redacted] the Schmetzen Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 5,000 troops. [redacted] AAA units of the unidentified AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, army headquarters units, and possibly also elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div are quartered in the installation. [redacted] The present report indicates that the Schmetzen Kaserne quartered approximately as many troops as had been located there in late October. [redacted] an AT artillery component of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in Eberswalde. [redacted] a shipment of troops [redacted] went from Fuerstenwalde to Satzhorn. [redacted]
- (2) [redacted] the Artillerie Kaserne quarters elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted] the installation to be occupied by an estimated 2,500 troops at the end of October. [redacted] the Hq 6th Gds Mecz Div in Bernau which was previously confirmed there until 7 October. [redacted] the 17th Gds Mecz Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in Eberswalde, which was confirmed there until 22 August. [redacted]

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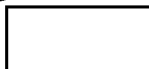
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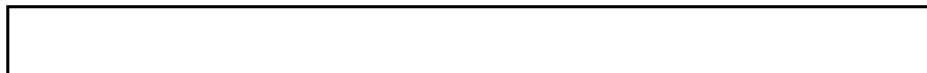
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(3) [redacted] only small guard details were
quartered in the cantonment. [redacted]

(4) [redacted] the houses quartered a head-
quarters unit of the Fourth Gds Macz Army. [redacted]

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(5) [redacted]

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